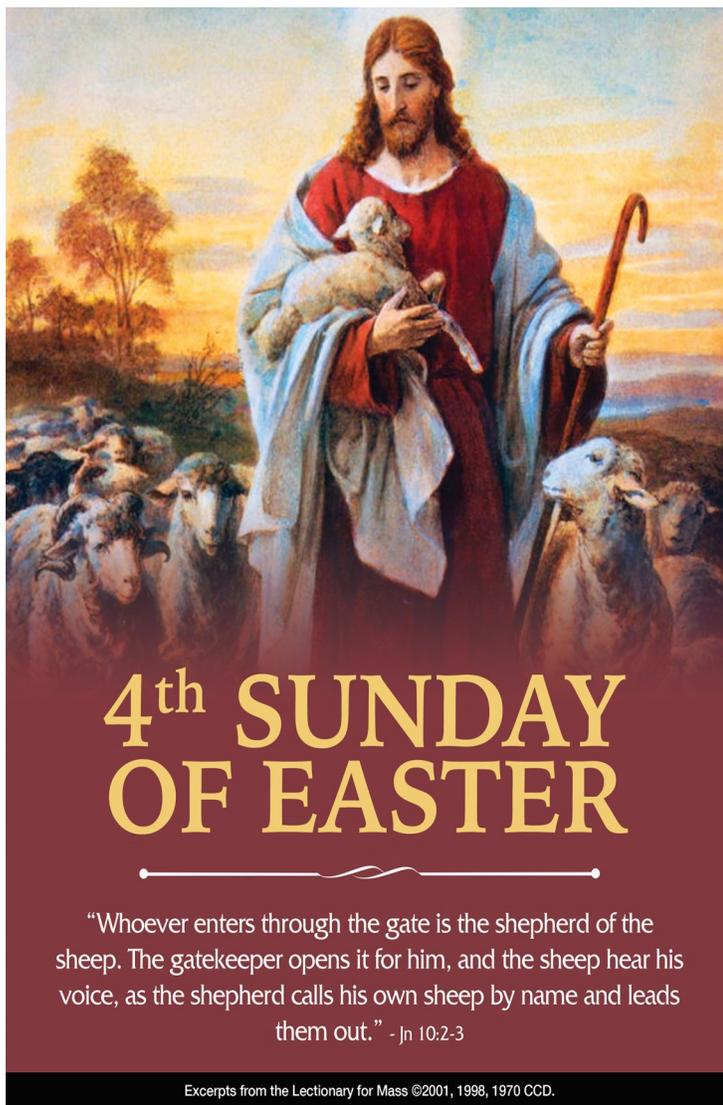


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and the universal Church. We will strive to enrich our community spiritually, pastorally and socially, and to be a family of worship and prayer for all.

Rev. Raphael Ezech, MSP, Pastor
Rev. Anthony Mbanefo, MSP, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Robert A. Clemens
Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator
Erika Podoprigora, Organist and Music Director

Rectory/Parish Office : (914) 965-0566
Religious Education Office: (914) 476-6676

Sunday Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday;
8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday
Weekday Masses: 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. Monday through Friday;
9:00 a.m. Saturday

Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Parish Membership: Every family and single adult to be considered active members of St. Bartholomew's Parish must be properly registered in the parish, receiving and regularly using the parish weekly donation envelopes. Only in this way can the parish issue documents attesting to parish membership and Catholic practice, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. New parishioners are requested to visit the parish office.

Sick & Shut-ins: The priests are available to administer the Sacraments to those who are unable to come to Church. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is part of the healing ministry of the Church, and should be received early in an illness or before a serious operation.

Baptisms: Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

Marriages: In order to provide sufficient time for the Marriage Preparation Course, please call the parish office and ask to speak with the pastor at least six months in advance of the wedding.

Parish Council: Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month.

Holy Name Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the second Sunday of the month. President, Anthony Martelli

Rosary Altar Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the first Sunday of the month. President, Liz Mulvaney

Bereavement Ministry: For information call (914) 965-0566,
Tina Falcone

Trustees: Angela Brusco, Louis Caloia

IMITATING THE GOOD SHEPHERD



In Acts, Peter evokes a theme that his current successor, Pope Francis, continually proclaims. Far from being a community turned in on itself, the church should offer the world an embrace as wide as the crucified Jesus' outstretched arms: "The promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call" (Acts 2:39).

The First Letter of Saint Peter echoes Acts: Christ "bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness," and anticipate the Gospel: "For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd" (1 Peter 2:24, 25). Both readings thus call us to live in a love that gives and forgives, like Jesus the "shepherd and guardian of our souls" (Acts 2:25).

John's Good Shepherd imagery combines loving intimacy with unflinching courage: Jesus not only "calls his own by name" but is also the protective "gate." Across the sheepfold's opening, the devoted shepherd lies down to sleep each night, his own body keeping predators out and straying sheep in. He thus literally, "lays down" his life for his sheep. Through Jesus, we come in to be nurtured within the community and go out to bear witness in passionate conviction and compassionate service. For Jesus has come not only to guide and protect the sheep, but to make sure we flourish: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). The Gospel notes, sadly, "The Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them" (Acts 10:6). May we realize and respond.



Who have I pushed to the periphery of my life? How can I "call them by name" to be like Jesus, my Good Shepherd? (From Pastoral Patterns, Summer 2017).

Welcome & Congratulations:

We gratefully welcome Bishop Walsh to St. Bart's as he confirms our brothers and sisters.

We also congratulate our young brothers and sisters as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. May the Lord continue the good work He started in you and bring it to fulfillment. Amen.

Blessings and peace.

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP.

PARISH NEWS



The ALTAR FLOWERS are donated by the Confirmation Class in honor and memory of their living and deceased family members.

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Monsignor John B. Ahern and Paul Bolduc.



Rest in Peace



Calling all Seniors! Calling all Seniors May 11th

Join fellow seniors for Mass, Thursday at 9 a.m. with a Special Blessing followed by light refreshments and gathering at McManus Parish Center.

The Rite of Christian Initiation (popularly known as RCIA) is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. It is open to adults who: have never been baptized and would prepare for all three sacraments; were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination and are interested in becoming Catholic and would prepare for Confirmation and First Communion; or were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or Communion and would prepare for the sacraments they have not yet received. Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.



We congratulate 34 of our children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday, April 30th and we welcome them to the Table of our Lord:

- Joshua Adames
- Juan Araujo
- Angel Cagua
- Lee Colon
- Stephanie Iveliz Delgado
- Delvis Dominguez
- Jaedes Gauthier
- Giselle Herrera
- Carly Ann Maldonado
- Laura Morillo
- Ivan Ortego, Jr.
- Jason Pichardo, Jr.
- Sebastian Portilla
- Jadielyn Rodriguez
- Natalia Serrano
- Joseph Tomanelli
- Juliana Valdovinos

- Jayla Alvarez
- Kaylan Balmir
- Gabriela Chavez
- Alexandra Corbo
- Angelie Dominguez
- Anastasia Gagliano
- Eliana Guerrero
- Michael Jennings
- Christopher McPartlan
- Vincent Mosiello
- Jaelynn Pichardo
- Damaris Portilla
- Adryana Rodriguez
- Hailen Segarra
- Rosabella Taveras
- Emma Valdez
- Jayden Vazquez

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MOTHER'S DAY IS MAY 14TH

Mother's Day Novena Masses: Sunday, May 14th is Mother's Day. Our Parish will have a Novena of Masses for all our mothers— living and deceased. The Novena of Masses will begin on Sunday, May 14th, and will finish on Monday, May 22nd.

There are cards and envelopes at the back of the church. If you want your mother, mother-in-law, or any mother remembered in the Novena of Masses, please fill out the envelope with your donation and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish office during the week.

The annual Holy Name Society Mother's Day breakfast will take place after the 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday, May 14th.

The May Crowning of Our Blessed Mother will be this Tuesday, May 9th at 6:45 p.m.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

The Rosary Altar Society is hosting a retreat at McManus Parish Center this Saturday, May 13th celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Fatima. We will start with Mass on Saturday, at 9:00 a.m. followed by refreshments and a light lunch. Sr. Mary E. McCormick, SC, will be our Spiritual Director for the Day. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Please RSVP to Liz Mulvaney before May 9th at 914 403-8844. All are welcome.



SWEEPSTAKES SOCIAL, this Friday, May 12th Admission is \$15. Doors open at 7 p.m. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676.



TAG SALE, Saturday, May 20th

Donations are needed for our annual tag sale on Saturday May 20th. We will begin to take donations this Monday, May 8th. All donated items should be in fairly good condition and working. Please no books or stuffed animals. TV's are accepted only if they are flat screen TV's. Jewelry, kitchen items, clothes in good condition, baby items such as strollers, high chairs, play pens, etc. are among the items that are particularly attractive to buyers. For further information, please call 914-476-6676.



MARK THIS DATE INTERNATIONAL CULTURE NIGHT Saturday, June 3rd, look for the flyer in today's bulletin.



Wedding Jubilee Mass and Celebration

St. Bartholomew's couples who are celebrating their 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime this year (2017) are invited to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 11, 2017. They will be blessed and honored during the Mass which will be followed by a Reception in the McManus Paris Center. Please call the Parish Office to register your participation and tell us how many guests you might be expecting at the Reception.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Table with 2 columns: Amount Needed Weekly (\$7,000.00), Actual Received Last Sunday (\$6,677.70), Balance (-\$ 322.30). Includes note: *(Envelopes \$6,387.70 Online \$290.00)

Table with 2 columns: Amount Needed for Month of April (\$35,000.00), Amount Collected Thus Far (\$34,591.18)

The second collection in support of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe totaled \$1,250.70

"Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing program! May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought. Thank you!

In lieu of filling out envelopes weekly, please consider signing up for online giving at www.parishpay.com or contact the Parish Office. So far, we have 14 families that have signed up. If you have difficulties signing up, please contact Parish Pay at (866) 727-4741 or call the Parish Office.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Florence McCormack, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, William Flower, Efrain Arzola, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Florence B. Swetz, Daniel Pezzola, Al Dio Dati, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro, Anthony Guarente and Theresa Venturino.

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

Our YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building. The Youth Group will not be meeting this Sunday, May 7th, but will meet on Sunday, May 21st.

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @St_Barts_youth.

THANK YOU A special thank you to the Lenten Alms Giving program. A well was donated to the people in South Sudan. The donations totaled \$1,749. May God bless you for your generosity.



May 7, 2017

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 6 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Fiore Brusco +

Sunday, May 7

8:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM Julieann Campisi Moroch +

11:30 AM Carole Ferraro +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, May 8

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Dina Legio +

9:00 AM Gerard Monahan +

Tuesday, May 9

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Margaret Anzovino +

Wednesday, May 10

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Irene Vigilanti +

Thursday, May 11

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Peter J. Serendensky +

9:00 AM Dceased Members of the Swetz Family

First Friday, May 12

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Justin Colon (Living)

9:00 AM Helen & Bronilek Wolyniec +

First Saturday, May 13

Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Roberto & Pasqua Capuano +

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 13 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Lucille & Victor Serricchio +

Sunday, May 14

Mother's Day

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

10:00 AM Frances Nanoia & Angelina Brusco +

11:30 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

May 7, 2017

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

Our warmest welcome to our visitors! We are glad you came to celebrate the Eucharist with us today. We thank God for you! Do not hesitate to let us know how we may serve you.



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If you have not registered or need to correct some of the information in our file, please fill out this form and check (X) the appropriate box below, or you may also use the complete Registration Form found on the table at the rear of the Church; and drop the completed form into the collection basket or drop off/mail it to the Rectory. Thank you!

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/Zip: _____
Telephone: _____
Comment: _____

- I am interested in parish membership.
- I am a visitor.
- Change of Address / Telephone Number.
- I am moving out of the Parish.
- I am going to the hospital.
- I would like to be visited by a priest / minister.
- Please send me the Catholic New York.
- I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

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OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

Mount Hope Cemetery Association

A Memorial Mass will be held at Mount Hope Cemetery , Saw Mill River Road, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY on Saturday, May 20th at 12:30 p.m. for all of our loved ones laid to rest in Mount Hope. Mass will be celebrated by Father Matthew Janeczko of Sacred Heart Monastery, Yonkers, New York.

St. Catherine's Academy Summer TACHS prep program

St. Catherine Academy's Higher Achievement Program (HAP) for 7th and 8th grade girls will be taking place July 5th through July 21st from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. HAP will help to strengthen and reinforce English, Math and Reading skills for success in the Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools (TACHS). Your daughter will also have the opportunity to experience enrichment courses in Robotics and Art. Please visit our website, www.scahs.org or contact Ms. Tracy Keelin, Program Director at [718-882-2882, ext. 122](tel:718-882-2882) for more information.